

**American Legion Auxiliary Winter Park Memorial Unit 112
General Meeting Minutes**

February 10, 2015

The February general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7:02pm by President, Marge Berrios and opened according to ritual. We had a prospective new member in attendance so Karlin was asked to introduce herself. Karlin was welcomed as a new member of Unit 112.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios

Aunita Padgett

Nell Colbert

Debi Shannon

Karlin Gasthoff

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise.

Nell Colbert reported that the minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. The minutes were also posted on the Unit's YahooGroups site and placed on our unit website. Nell had hard copies of the minutes available at the meeting for review by those who had not received them via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Aunita Padgett) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert presented the financial information, noting that the Treasurer's Report was emailed and was posted on the YahooGroups site. Nell also made hard copies available at the meeting for review by those who had not received the Treasurer's Report via email. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Karlin Gasthoff) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including: the letter from the Rotary Club regarding our grant application, the paperwork from Department regarding the Sullivan transfers, the Department Communique newsletter, and the Girls State packet.

There was no Post Executive Committee meeting due to the Four Chaplains Service that took place on 2/1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates but only for the committees with activity this month.

- **AEF:** For Karlin's benefit, Nell explained the AEF and everyone made their contribution.
- **Americanism:** Marge updated everyone on the status of the District Oratorical contest and our Essay contest.
- **Constitution and By-Laws:** Nell reported that she is working on the revisions to our documents to bring them into compliance with the new Department guidelines. The members reviewed the current documents and decided that no changes in

content are needed other than what is needed to bring our documents into compliance with Department and National. Nell's goal is to have the draft version of the new documents completed in time for the March meeting so that we can review and make any final changes needed.

- **Education:** Debi reported that Dyke delivered our stuffed backpacks to Aloma, Cheney and Eastbrook Elementary Schools. Debi suggested that for next year we include a letter in each backpack explaining that the backpacks were provided by us as well as giving them information about the essay contest.
- **Girls State:** Marge reported that we have one candidate from Lake Howell, and two from Winter Park as of tonight for our Girls State interviews at the end of the month.
- **Leadership:** Marge noted that with Kimberly's transfer, we need a new Leadership Chair. It was agreed to leave the position open until after our elections and convention.
- **Membership:** Nell reported that we've added two new members and one 2014 renewal. Our goal for 100% is 22 members and we are currently at 21, so we are currently at 95%.
- **Poppies:** We have a request from Raytheon for 200 poppies plus we anticipate that the Oviedo Post will want Poppies again for Memorial Day as they have in the past. It was decided that we will order 1000 poppies so that we will have enough left for the poster contest. Nell will place the order.
- **Veterans Affairs and Rehab:** Marge noted that she is still clipping coupons.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Girls State selection – Marge reminded everyone that our interviews are set for February 22nd at 2pm. Jerry Dress will open the Post for us since Nell and Bob will be out of town.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Post Yard Sale – Nell reminded everyone about the upcoming Post 112 Yard Sale. Jerry has asked that we man the Post table as usual. If we have items to sell, we should bring them as the Post probably won't have too many items.
- President's visit – Marge noted that Charlotte, our 6th District President, will be paying her annual Unit visit in March.
- Fundraising – Nell reported that Tom Henry's Pizza is now doing Spirit Nights and will donate 20% of the proceeds to organizations like ours. Tom Henry's is located near the Goldenrod post office.
- Supplemental meeting space – Nell reported that Tom Henry also owns the electrical company located across the street from the pizza restaurant and their building has a very large conference room that we could use at those times when the Post has something going on and needs to use our meeting space.

Debi Shannon offered the benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____